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Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Atten: Clerk of the Board
168 West Alisal Street
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6 June, 2022

Re: Monterey County Code Chapter 10.72 regarding Desalinization Treatment Facility, June 7, 2022 Agenda Item #14

Dear Chair Adams and Board of Supervisors;

The Salinas Valley Water Coalition (SVWC) supports the proposed amendment to above referenced Monterey County Code Chapter you will be considering at your June 7th meeting.

The SVWC supports the proposed changes specific to Chapter 10.72 .030 (B), as this revision/amendment would provide opportunities for non-regulated private entities to participate in the construction and operation of desalination facilities. This change is accomplished by eliminating section 10.72.030 (B) which currently requires an application to construct and operate a facility to provide assurances that each facility will be owned and operated by a public entity.

The SVWC supports the specific recommendation/amendment on the basis that the remainder of Chapter 10.72 remains in place. We believe the current Chapter 10.72 includes a framework and criteria in place that would protect current water quality and water quantity resources, including protecting existing landowners water rights, and it is because of this framework in the existing Chapter 10.72 that we can support the elimination of Chapter 10.72.030 (B).

Sincerely,

Salinas Valley Water Coalition Board

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Mission Statement: The water resources of the Salinas River Basin should be managed properly in a manner that promotes fairness and equity to all landowners within the basin. The management of these resources should have a scientific basis, comply with all laws and regulations, and promote the accountability of the governing agencies.